

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The closing ring as defined in Claim [1] 6 is generally ~~has a~~ of C-shaped cross-section and is concave toward the mating peripheral edges of the container lip of the lid and rim of the drum.
3. (currently amended) The closing ring as defined in Claim 1 [6] ~~has wherein~~ the adjacent ends of the ~~multiple~~ annular ring sections ~~of ring~~ are ~~connected~~ pivotally interconnected by hinge means ~~of a hinge~~ on one annular separation and a conventional drum-closing ring ~~fastening method~~ fastener on an opposite the other annular separation. ~~Or, conventional drum closing ring fastening methods on both annular separations.~~
4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The closing annular ring as defined in Claim [1] 6 ~~can be~~ modified to consist of ~~3 or more~~ three-spaced and pivotally interconnected annular ring sections for the same purpose of securing and sealing a removable lid ~~or cover~~ to the rim of an open head cylindrical drum. ~~Barrel or container~~
6. (new) An annular closing ring assembly for detachably securing a peripheral lip of a removable lid to a rim on the end of an open head drum comprising: an annular closing ring formed of at least two spaced annular ring sections rotatably interconnected at two adjacent ends thereof and positionable around and on the peripheral lip of said lid without compression tension resistance in said annular closing ring; and adjustable fastener means for connecting and compressing the opposite ends of said annular ring sections into near abutting relation and detachably securing said lip of said lid to said rim of said drum.
7. (new) The invention as defined in Claim 6 wherein said adjustable fastener means are detachably secured to said opposite ends of said annular closing ring sections.

8. (new) The invention as defined in Claim 6 including a sealing gasket between the lip of said lid and rim of said drum.
9. (new) The invention as defined in Claim 6 wherein said peripheral lip and said rim are curved and mate when said lip is positioned on said rim.
10. (new) The invention as defined in Claim 3 wherein said hinge means includes two hinge members attached to said adjacent ends of said spaced annular sections and a pivot pin about which said spaced annular sections are rotatable in the plane of said lid.